

U.S. Application No.: 10/073,472
AMENDMENT A

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IN THE DRAWINGS

Please replace Figures 1-11 as originally filed with the attached
Figures 1-11.

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REMARKS

Review and reconsideration of the Office Action of January 19, 2005, is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Applicant is pleased to see that the Examiner did not cite any references against the claims. The claims were only rejected because of formalities.

The claims have been amended to overcome the formalities rejections.

Claims 1-2, 6, 9, 15-16, and 19 have been canceled. New claims 36-39 have been added. Support for the new claims can be found on Claims 1 and 2 as originally filed.

The specification has been amended to correct the Description of the Drawings Section as suggested by the Examiner.

The drawings have been amended as follows:

In Figure 6:

Plane A-A' has been replaced with plane 7-7'.

In Figure 7:

Letters A-A' adjacent to the figure has been deleted.

In Figure 8:

Plane B-B' has been replaced with plane 10-10'.

Figures 1-5 and 9-11

No changes.

No new matter has been added to the claims, specification or the drawings.

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Office Action:

Turning to the Office Action, the paragraphing of the Examiner is adopted.

Non-elected Species

The Examiner has withdrawn Claims 27-29 and 34 from further consideration pursuant to CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a non-elected species, there being no allowable generic or linking claim.

The position of the Examiner can be found on page 2 of the Office Action.

Applicant notes the Examiner's indication that if he finds that the generic claim is allowed, he will consider the claims directed to the additional species if they depend on the generic claim.

In the present case, the Examiner indicated that Claim 1 is a generic claim. Applicant notes that the Examiner did not cited any prior art against the claims, the claims were only rejected because of formalities.

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the election of species if Claim 1 is found allowable.

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Drawings

The Examiner objects the drawings under 37 CFR 1.83(a) for a variety of reasons.

The position of the Examiner can be found on pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action.

In response, Applicant is submitting replacement Figures 1-11. Entry of the new Figures is respectfully requested.

The drawings changes were explained in the Remark section of this paper.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Formalities - Claims

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-3, 6, 9, 15, 16, 18, 20-26 and 35 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention.

The position of the Examiner can be found on page 3 of the Office Action.

In response, Applicant has amended the claims to overcome the rejection.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

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Conclusion:

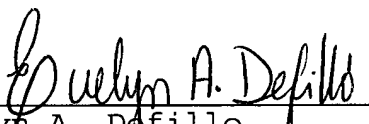
The Examiner indicates that the prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to Applicant's disclosure.

The position of the Examiner can be found on page 4 of the Office Action.

Applicant is pleased with the indication.

Favorable consideration and early issuance of the Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested. Should further issues remain prior to allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the indicated telephone number.

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